

Japan Cultural Month

October-November 2009

JAPANESE FILM FESTIVALS

The Directorate of Film Festivals, Embassy of Japan, and Japan Foundation will be holding screenings of legendary filmmaker Akira Kurosawa's films at the Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi. The films include: *Rashomon*, *High and Low*, *Sanjuro*, *Doomed*, and *Red Beard*. The Embassy will also show *Seven Samurai* and *Yojimbo* at the Epicenter, Gurgaon.



The Embassy, in collaboration with National Integrated Forum of Artists & Activities (NIFAA), will be organizing another festival in northern India. Latest feature films, namely, *Summer Days with Coo* (Dir: Keiichi Hara), *Tokyo Tower* (Dir: Joji Matsuoka), and *Always – 2* (Dir: Takashi Yamazaki) will be screened during the Festival.



October		Akira Kurosawa Film Festival	Siri Fort Auditorium III	Entry: Open
3-Sat	3.00pm 5.00pm 7.30pm	Rashomon High & Low Doomed	August Kranti Marg Asiad Village New Delhi	
4-Sun	3.00pm 5.00pm	Sanjuro Red Beard		
November		Akira Kurosawa Film Festival	Epicentre	Entry: Open
10-Tue	7.30pm	Yojimbo	Apparel House, Sector 44, Gurgaon	
21-Sat	7.30pm	Seven Samurai		
November		Japanese Film Festival		Entry: Open
23-Mon	3.00pm	Yamunanagar	DAV Girl's College	
24-Tue	9.00am 5.00pm	Kurukshetra	Geeta Vidya Mandir N.I. of Technology	
25-Wed	9.00am 4.00pm	Karnal	Tagore Bal Niketan NDRI Auditorium	

EXHIBITION OF PHOTO PANELS ON JAPAN & JAPAN-INDIA RELATIONS

Embassy of Japan, in collaboration with the Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies (SIS), Jawaharlal Nehru University, will be displaying photos depicting the varied

facets of Japan, and also rare photos capturing the landmarks of Japan-India Relations over the past century.



Oct 28-30 Exhibition of Photo Panels on Japan & Japan-India Relations

School of Int'l Studies JNU

Entry: Open

5th ORIGAMI CONTEST



Tagore International School and Embassy of Japan will be organizing the 5th Origami Contest. The participants compete in categories of 'solo/group' and 'teachers', and display their skills in folding paper imaginatively and creatively. Prizes are awarded to the best creations from each category, which would be on display at Japan Foundation.

(For further details, please contact Tagore International School on Tel: 2614-2270/2614-9008).

October 28-Wed	5th Origami Contest	Tagore International School, Paschimi Marg, Vasant Vihar	Entry: Prior registration
Oct 29 - Nov 10 1pm to 5pm	Origami Exhibition	Japan Foundation	Entry: Open

MOMIJI KE RANG - The colors of Momiji

Indian Council for Japanese Culture (ICJC) will be conducting a poetry recital session on Momiji, the autumn beauty of maple leaves. When it deepens, the leaves change colour from green to red and gold. The Japanese regard the leaves as objects to be admired for their beauty, much like flowers. There are popular foliage viewing sites in Nikko, Hakone, Takao and Arashiyama. The artists, writers and poets from both India and Japan, will recite their poems on the theme of this beautiful leaf. (Please contact Dr. Raj Buddhira on Tel: 98117-70072 for more information.)



Nov 6-Fri 4:00pm-6:00pm	Momiji ke Rang - the colors of Momiji	India International Centre Pvt Dining Hall 40 Max Mueller Marg	Entry: Prior registration
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22ND NORTHERN REGION JAPANESE LANGUAGE SPEECH CONTEST

The 22nd Northern Region Japanese Language Speech Contest, conducted by Mombusho Scholars Association of India (MOSAI), will be held at two levels, i.e., Senior and Junior. Students from Japanese language institutions in Delhi and other cities in the region will participate. The students speak on a variety of topics like, their dreams, their experiences, Indian society, Indian culture, comparisons of Japanese and Indian lifestyle and culture, etc.



Nov 7-Sat 3.00pm- 7.00pm	22nd Northern Region Japanese Speech Contest	WWF Auditorium 172-B Lodi Estate	Entry: Open
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UKIYO-E - PICTURES OF THE FLOATING WORLD

Illustrative Lecture by Dr. Anu Jindal

Dr. Anu Jindal will introduce, through illustrative lecture, Ukiyo-e - the art of woodblock print, which flourished in the Edo period (1600-1868), in Japan. The term 'Ukiyo-e' itself means pictures of the floating world, or transient worldly pleasures. The theme of landscape was introduced by artists of the later period. *Dr. Anu Jindal is an art-historian and artist, with specialization in Japanese Art. Presently, she is a visiting research scholar at the International Research Center for Japanese Studies, Kyoto.*

Nov 7-Sat 6.30pm	Ukiyo-e – Pictures of the Floating World	IIC Conference Room I 40 Max Mueller Marg	Entry: Open
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FUKUOKA EDUCATION FAIR IN DELHI

Fukuoka Prefecture is located on Kyūshū Island, one of the four main islands of Japan. Fukuoka Prefecture of Japan and the National Capital Territory of Delhi entered into a friendship agreement on 5th March 2007 for promotion of relations in the field of culture, trade, environment, youth, education, etc. The Fukuoka International Student Support Center, prominent Universities, and Japanese Language Schools of Fukuoka Prefecture will disseminate information about the opportunities

for higher studies in Fukuoka Prefecture during the Education Fair. The culture, tourism and industry of Fukuoka Prefecture will also be introduced.

Nov 13 12.00noon-6.00pm	Fukuoka Education Fair by Fukuoka Prefectural Government	Japan Foundation	Entry: Open
Nov 14 11.00am-6.00pm			

IKEBANA DEMONSTRATIONS, WORKSHOPS, EXHIBITIONS

Ikebana is the Japanese art of flower arrangement, also known as Kado, the way of flowers. This traditional art focuses on the choice of plant material in relation to the container and the surrounding space.

Dr. Anita Khanna is a professor of Japanese language and literature at Jawaharlal Nehru University. She has a passion for Ikebana and has undergone formal training in the Ikenobo style of Ikebana. Dr. Khanna and a group of experts from Japan will conduct an Ikebana workshop.

Nov 11-Wed 2.30-5.30pm	Ikebana Workshop by Dr. Anita Khanna and others	Japan Foundation	Entry: By Invitation
Nov 11 2:00-5.00pm	Ikebana Exhibition	Japan Foundation	Entry: Open
Nov 12 11.00am-5.00pm			



Ohara School of Delhi will be inviting Master Meenakshi Devi of Ohara's Hyderabad Chapter to give a demonstration of Ikebana. Mrs. Uma Khanna, wife of the Lt Governor of Delhi, will be the Chief Guest, and Mrs. Noriko Domichi, wife of the Ambassador of Japan to India, will be the Guest of Honour. The works created by the members of Ohara will also be on display.

Nov 16 11.00am~	Ikebana Demonstration by Master Meenakshi Devi	WWF Auditorium	Entry: By invitation
1.00pm- 5.00pm	Ikebana Exhibition by Ohara School of Ikebana	WWF Auditorium	Entry: Open

November 19-Thu 10.30am	Master Yuriko Omata Jobst's Ikebana Demonstration	Japan Foundation	Entry: By invitation
20-Fri 10.30am	Ikebana Workshop	Japan Foundation	Entry: By invitation
November 19-20 10:00am to 5:00pm	Ikebana Exhibition	Japan Foundation	Entry: Open

Sogetsu School of Ikebana will be inviting Master Yuriko Omata Jobst to conduct a demonstration and workshop in Delhi. Mrs. Jobst learnt Ikenobo style of Ikebana in Kyoto and Tokyo. She is the Vice-President of Tokyo Tachibana Ikenobo Chapter since 2004. She has held demonstrations, exhibitions in Switzerland, Germany and India. The works created by her and Sogetsu members will also be on display.

6th JAPAN QUIZ CONTEST

The Inter-School Quiz Contest on Japan, organized by the Embassy of Japan in New Delhi, is becoming popular year-by-year, and the participation of over 100 teams in the 5th Japan Quiz Contest held last year is testimony to the event's growing popularity. The teams came from not only NCR of Delhi but also far away places like Mussoorie, Jaipur, Sikar, etc. The questions will be based on landmarks of history, geographical features, prominent personalities of art, culture and sports, heritage monuments, and also about contemporary Japan. Teams from about 150 schools will participate in a written test, and the top teams with highest scores will participate in the Finals. (For more information please contact Quizcraft, Tel: 41605333, Email: info@quizcraft.in or aditya@quizcraft.in)

Nov 20-Fri 9.00am-12.30pm	6th Japan Quiz Contest	Sai International Auditorium, Pragati Vihar, Lodi Road	Entry: Prior registration
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KAKE HASHI - JAPANESE LANGUAGE FESTIVAL

The DPS Society has been active in promoting Japanese language education in its member schools. In order to bring together the students who are learning Japanese in different schools in and around Delhi, the DPS Society is organizing literary and cultural competitions, talent shows and exhibitions showcasing various aspects of Japanese life, film show, etc.

Nov 21-Sat	Kake Hashi - Japanese Language Festival	DPS Mathura Road	Entry: By invitation
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SONGS OF THE OKINAWA ISLANDS

Yasukatsu Oshima (vocal, Sanshin), Kanako Hatoma (vocal, Sanshin), and Satoshi Nakasone (Shimadaiko) will present a rich variety of beautiful traditional songs from the Okinawa Islands of Japan, accompanied by Sanshin and Shimadaiko, for the music lovers of Delhi. *Sanshin - Three stringed, snake-skinned lute*
Shimadaiko - Okinawan drums.

The Japan Foundation, Consulate Generals of Japan in Chennai, Mumbai and Kolkata, ABK AOTS Dosokai, Chennai, and the

Indian Council for Cultural Relations will be hosting the event in the four metros of India. Okinawa, Japan's southernmost prefecture, comprises of numerous islands of the Okinawa archipelago and the Yaeyama Islands. It is home to many forms of music and dance.

Nov 24-Tue 6.30pm	Songs of the Okinawa Islands	Shriram Centre Mandi House	Entry: Free
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DEMONSTRATION OF THE WAY OF TEA (Tea Ceremony)

Chado or Sado, the Way of Tea, was developed by Sen no Rikyu as a method to achieve inner peace through the simple act of preparing tea. JICA Alumni Association will be inviting the Japanese Association Delhi's Ladies Tea Ceremony Group to demonstrate the Way of Tea (popularly known as the Tea Ceremony).

Nov 29 2.30pm ~	Demonstration of the Way of Tea	Japan Foundation	Entry: By invitation
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(Programs subject to change)

Other programs coming up in early 2010 are: Mikio Naruse's Retrospective at India International Centre (Jan), Exhibition of Paintings on Ganga by Tatsuko Hiraoka at AIFACS (Mar), and Exhibition - Passage to the Future at Japan Foundation (Mar).

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